



SENATOR JOHN J. WILES

Senate District 37



Senator John J. Wiles was born on August 21, 1957 in Stuttgart, Germany, where his father was serving in the United States Army. He was raised in East Point, Georgia and moved to south Cobb County in 1976. John has a Bachelor of Arts Degree from George Washington University in Washington, D.C., and received his Juris Doctor from Stetson University College of Law in 1983. After law school, he returned to Cobb County in 1984 to work as assistant solicitor in the Cobb County Solicitor's Office. He and his family have lived here since.

John is married to the former Janet Louise Hughes of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. The Wiles family attends NorthStar Church. They have three sons, John Jr., Drew, and Max, and two daughters Margi, and Quincy. He is a member of the Marietta Kiwanis and serves on the board of directors of the West Cobb Business Association. Additionally, he is a member of the Kennesaw Business Association, the Cobb Chamber of Commerce and the Acworth Business Association.

John is the managing partner of the law firm of Wiles & Wiles LLP, which concentrates in real estate litigation. He is a member of the State Bars of Georgia, Florida, and Texas. He is also licensed to practice law in Colorado and Tennessee.

John served in the Georgia House of Representatives from 1995 through 2003. He served as a Deputy Whip for the Republican Caucus and the chairman of the Cobb Legislative Delegation. He sat on the House Judiciary, Motor Vehicles, Health and Ecology and the Higher Education committees. In the House, John concentrated on children and teenage issues and was instrumental in the introduction and ultimate passing of the bill to safeguard mothers and newborn babies through insured hospital care.

In 2004, John was elected to the Georgia Senate where he serves as the Chairman of the Special Judiciary Committee and the Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government. He serves as the Vice Chairman of Urban Affairs and sits on the Judiciary, Appropriations, Finance, Health and Human Affairs, Insurance and Labor, and Administrative Affairs Committees. In the last term, John was appointed as the Chief Deputy Whip for the Republican Caucus and elected Chairman of the Cobb County Delegation. On the national front, John is currently serving as Georgia's State Co-

Chairman of the American Legislative Exchange Council. Previously from 2004 until 2008, he was the Chairman of the State and Local Governmental Operations Committee from 2004 until 2008.

During his service in the Senate, Sen. Wiles has focused on improving education, reducing the burden on taxpayers, and protecting the public from criminals. As Chairman of the Higher Education Appropriations Committee, he fought for the funding necessary for Kennesaw State University and Southern Polytechnic State University to grow and improve, thus providing a world class education close to home for Cobb residents. Sen. Wiles has worked to reform Georgia's public defender system to lower costs, increase efficiency, diminish abuses, and reduce the burden on taxpayers. Being the son of a military officer, Senator Wiles understands the unique challenge facing our service members when they are stationed abroad. Therefore, he authored and championed the HERO scholarship, helping educate members of the United States Military, National Guard, and Reserves, as well as their children. Since the program was implemented in 2004, nearly \$640,000 in scholarships has been awarded to deserving recipients. Furthermore, he increased penalties for unlicensed drivers and continues to be a defender of individual constitutional liberties and traditional family values.